

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 2, 8, 9, and 11. Claim 6 has been canceled. A complete listing of the claims is set forth below.

**Claim 2** (currently amended): A structure for connecting an electrical connector to a ~~coaxial~~ cable, said ~~coaxial~~ cable including cable cores each having a core conductor and an electro-magnetic shielding core sheath, wherein the core conductors of the cable cores are exposed by peeling a leading end of said cable and connected to respective contacts of the electrical connector, said structure comprising a dielectric member made from a porous resin material, said dielectric member containing an air-filled cavity housing having air contained therein arranged to cover at least part of the exposed portions of said cable cores of the cable, wherein said dielectric member has a dielectric constant within a range of 1.5 to 4.5.

**Claim 5** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 2 wherein said dielectric member is arranged to cover at least the core conductors of the exposed portions of the cable cores.

**Claim 6** (canceled): ~~The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 2 wherein said dielectric member is made from a porous resin material.~~

**Claim 7** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 5 wherein said dielectric member is made from a porous resin material.

**Claim 8** (currently amended): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 6-2 wherein said dielectric member is provided by winding a sheet of said porous resin material about at least part of the exposed portions of said cable cores of the cable.

**Claim 9** (currently amended): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 6-2 wherein said dielectric member is provided by embracing at least part of the exposed portions of said cable cores of the cable between two sheets of said porous resin material.

**Claim 11** (currently amended): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 6-2 wherein said porous resin material is selected from a group consisting of polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.

**Claim 12** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 7 wherein said porous resin material is selected from a group consisting of polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Summary of the Office Action:**

Claims 2, 5-9, 11, and 12 were pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 5-9, 11, and 12 as purportedly unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 4,923,410 to Suzuki (“Suzuki”) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,580,034 to Daane et al. (“Daane”).

**Summary of Applicants’ Response:**

Applicants have amended claims 2, 8, 9, and 11.

Applicants have canceled claim 6.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended application is in condition for allowance.